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For: A PROCESS FOR THE CONVERSION OF ECHINOCANDIN CLASS  
OF PEPTIDES TO THEIR C4-HOMOTYROSINE MONODEOXY  
ANALOGUES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the applications as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

a 3. (Amended) A process as claimed in [claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the reduction reaction is carried out by hydrogenolysis with Raney nickel in ethanol at pH7 and room temperature.

4. (Amended) A process as claimed in [claims 1 to 3] claim 3, wherein the hydrogenolysis is carried out in the ratio of 6.8 ml of Raney nickel per millimole of mulundocandin.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to the examination on the merits of the instant application. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the pending application or this preliminary amendment,